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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted along with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An image data distribution system wherein an image server has information on destination groups formed of members selected from among a plurality of image communication apparatuses, and the information are memorized on a storage memory, and wherein the image data will be sent out to the respective members of the destination group specified by the destination information, said system comprising:

input manipulation means, provided in each image communication apparatus, which can request the image server to send back all the destination groups, and specify a specific group